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News Release

ICE FUGITIVE TEAM NABS SEVEN ILLEGAL ALIENS IN SOUTH FLORIDA

MIAMI- Seven men illegally present in the country, many with final orders of removal in hiding, were arrested here last week by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) deportation officers.

Among those arrested was 54-year-old Clouder Joseph of Haiti. Clouder, a convicted felon, was ordered removed by an immigration judge on Oct. 22, 2004. His subsequent appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) was dismissed on Jan. 30, 2006.

Also arrested was Eduin Alfaro, 27, of Honduras. Alfaro entered the country illegally on Oct. 29, 2001. An immigration judge ordered him removed on Aug. 20, 2002. Alfaro, who was in hiding, failed to surrender for removal and ignored the immigration judge's order.

Four additional men were at Alfaro's residence at the time of his arrest. All of the men, also of Honduras, were determined to be illegally present in the country. Two were fugitives like Alfaro, and two were charged with violations to the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).

A Colombian man with a final order dating back to 2003 was arrested here too. The man's stay of removal was denied Dec. 9, 2005 by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.

"Fugitive and immigration lawbreakers should be on notice," said Michael Rozos, field office director for detention and removal. "Our officers are working around the clock to find you. You can run, but you can't hide."

The Office of Detention and Removal (DRO) is promoting public safety and national security by ensuring that all aliens who are subject to deportation are removed from the United States as expeditiously as possible.

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